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**HOUSE APPROVES FEDERAL FUNDS
TO HELP RECONSTRUCT 1½ Street In Turtle Lake**

WASHINGTON, D.C. -- Seventh District Congressman Dave Obey (D-WI) announced today that the House of Representatives has approved his request for \$350,000 in next year's transportation appropriation's bill to help the township of Turtle Lake re-construct 1½ Street.

“Our roads and highways are an essential part of our economy and necessary for the creation of good-paying jobs for the region,” said Obey, the Chairman of the House Appropriations Committee, “so I’m glad the House approved these funds to help Turtle Lake improve the heaviest traveled road in

town without putting too much of a strain on local taxpayers.”

Traffic on A½ Street has increased by 33% in the last decade, increasing from an average of 328 cars a day to 436 cars a day, exceeding Wisconsin D.O.T. standards for the road. The federal funds that Obey requested and the House has approved are intended to help the town resurface and widen A½ Street to facilitate that increase in vehicle traffic.

However, the bill must still be approved by the Senate and signed by the President before it becomes law, Obey warned.

“But having these funds included in the House passed bill means that a major hurdle has been cleared,” he concluded.

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